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TOPIC Military Activities in the Area of Wuensdorf, Sperenberg, and Forst Zinna 25X1

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

ATTACHMENT

1. At 1900 on 8 August, a unit of about 100 soldiers, about 10 trucks including  2 AA guns, presumably of 76-mm were entrained at the Wuensdorf railroad station. <sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. On 4 August, units which had practiced in the Kummersdorf-Neuhof-Stuelpe area but were not stationed there departed for the Baruth area. <sup>2</sup>
3. At about 2100 on 13 August, 3 three-axle amphibious cars with soldiers and luggage came from Hege Lake and passed through Sperenberg. At about 1630 on 14 August, three other 3-axle amphibious cars, each carrying about 20 soldiers and luggage and, at 2000 on 15 August, three more amphibious cars, 1 field kitchen, and 1 sedan were seen driving in the same direction. All motor vehicle numbers were thoroughly covered. The unit with the so-called amphibious tanks was still on Hege Lake on 15 August. Until mid-August, the Schumke Kaserne (3441) quartered an estimated 2,300 soldiers.  25X1
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5. From 2 to 15 August, the Forst Zinna training area southwest of Luckenwalde was placed off limits. Troops engaged in firing practice throughout the day and at night. For half an hour on 3, 8, 10 and 12 August, troops practiced firing with 37-mm AA guns which were permanently emplaced in forest section No 36, west of Camp Forst Zinna (3207). The troops fired from forest section No 71 at a towed-sleeve target which was towed at an altitude of about 1,000 meters by a single-engine plane.  25X1

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Comment. These exercises were previously mentioned

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. There are indications that elements of the 9th Mecz Div with tanks conducted exercises in this area in early August.

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Comment. Since the elements of the amphibious-car unit passed through Spereberg, it is not believed that the unit belonged to the 35th Engr Regt which was located at the quarters in the Schumke Kaserne up to mid-August.

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